# Exhibit 1

# **Privilege Walk**

Stemmed from Peggy McIntosh's concept of White Privilege

*Instructions:* Everyone will stand in a horizontal line in the middle of the room. All participants will have their eyes closed until the end of the exercise. As the facilitator reads a statement or question, the participant will step forward or step back if it applies to them. If anyone feels too uncomfortable to take a step, they have the option to remain still.

\*Facilitator should give participants a heads up about the intensity of the exercise that could provoke certain emotions. Ensure them that room is a safe space (mentally and emotionally) for conversations to develop at the end of the activity.

**Objective:** Raise awareness of various forms of privilege; understand the intersectionality of race, socioeconomic class, gender and other demographic variables that shape individuals; appreciate the diversity of individual backgrounds; and team-building

### Examples to start with:

- If you are right-handed, take one step forward
- If your sex or race is widely represented in the U.S. Congress, take one step forward.
- If you have difficulty finding hair products, make-up for your skin complexion, or a hairstylist/barber in your current community, take one step back.

### **STEPPING FORWARD**

- 1. If one or both of your parents graduated from college, take one step forward.
- 2. If you ever attended a private school or a summer camps growing up, take one step forward.
- 3. If you were told by your parents that you were beautiful, smart, or successful, take one step forward.
- 4. If you knew since you were a child that it was expected of you to go to college, take one step forward.
- 5. If you have immediate family members who are doctors, lawyers, or work in any degree-required profession, take one step forward.
- 6. If you studied the history and culture of your ethnic ancestors in elementary and secondary school, take one step forward.
- 7. If you grew up with people of color or working class people who were servants, maids, gardeners, or babysitters in your home, take one step forward.
- 8. If you or your family never had to move due to financial inabilities, take one step forward.
- 9. If you almost always see members of your race, sexual orientation, religion, and class widely represented on television, in the newspaper, and the media in a POSITIVE manner, take one step forward.
- 10. If you were to walk into a business and asked to speak to the person "in charge" you will see a person of your race, take one step forward.
- 11. If school and work is not in session during the major (religious) holidays or other cultural events that you celebrate, take one step forward.
- 12. If you feel that people do not interpret your personal onions as a representation of your entire race, take one step forward.
- 13. If you almost always feel comfortable with people knowing your sexual orientation, take one step forward.
- 14. If you feel certain that you will not be followed, harassed, or watched under close surveillance while shopping, take one step forward.
- 15. If walking alone at night, you never have to worry about anyone feeling threatened because of your presence, take one step forward.

### **STEPPING BACK:**

- 16. If you are going to be the first person in your immediate family to graduate from college, take one step back.
- 17. If you started school speaking a language other than English, take one step back.
- 18. If you have ever been the only person of your race/ethnicity in a classroom or place of work, take one step back.
- 19. If you grew up in an economically-disadvantaged or single-parent home, take one step back.
- 20. If you were ever discouraged from any personal goal or dream because of your race, socioeconomic class, gender, sexual orientation, or physical/learning disability, take one step back.
- 21. If you have ever had to sacrifice personal interests for the responsibility of others or other circumstances, take one step back.
- 22. If you have ever been called names regarding your race, socioeconomic class, gender, sexual orientation, or physical/learning disability and felt uncomfortable, take one step back.
- 23. If you or someone you know has ever been mistrusted or accused of lying, stealing, or cheating without sufficient evidence, take one step back.
- 24. If you were ashamed or embarrassed of your clothes, house, or car and wished to change it to avoid being judged or teased, take one step back.
- 25. If you have ever been hesitant to speak to avoid being ridiculed because of your accent or speech impediment, take one step back.
- 26. If you have been mistreated or served less fairly in a place of business because of your race or ethnicity, take one step back.
- 27. If you never worry about crime, drugs, rape, or any other violence threats in your neighborhood, take one step forward.
- 28. If you have ever skipped a meal or went away from a meal hungry because there was not enough money to buy food, take one back.
- 29. If anyone in your immediate family has ever served time in a state or federal penitentiary, take one step back.
- 30. If anyone in your immediate family has ever been addicted to drugs or alcohol, take one step back.

## **Reflection questions:** Participants can now open their eyes and remain standing in their positions

- What was the purpose of this exercise?
- What did you learn from it?
- What happened during the exercise? Were you surprised by anything?
- ➤ How did it feel to be in the group that took a step forward or a step back?
- ➤ How did it feel to be in the front or back of the room?
- > Was there a time when you wanted to be a part of the group moving forward?
- What might we draw from this exercise that can help us in our everyday lives?
- How can you apply what you have learned here to the work you will do as a leader?

Thank you for participating in this exercise!!!